(e) if not, by when it would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) to (c).The names of the rail lines under Ratlam division of Western Railway that were approved for electrification are : (i) Godhra-Ratlam line and (ii) Nagda-Ujjain-Bhopal line. These lines were electrified prior to May, 1996

(d) and (e). The electrification work of Indore-Ujjain line has not been sanctioned Ujjain-Bhopal line which is part of Nagda-Bhopal line has already been electrified

[English]

Link Kakinada with Main Line

705 SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to link Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh with the main line from Calcutta to Madras and Visakhapatnam to Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the time limit for completion of the project, and

(c) the steps taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) . (a) There is no such proposal at present

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Untrained Computer Staff

706 SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government are aware that staff at various computer counters in Northern Railway particularly on Rai Bareilly Railway station is untrained.

(b) if so reasons for posting of untrained staff at the computer counters, and

(c) the steps are being taken to post trained staff at computer counters and to train the untrained staff in computerisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) The reservation staff at Rai Bareilly and other stations on the Northern Railway are trained for manning computerised reservation counters

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Destruction of Forest

707 DR MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Jangalon Per is Bar Aag Ka Nahin, Bibhag Ka Keher" appearing, in the *Navbharat Times*, dated June 22, 1996;

(b) whether it is a fact that illegal felling and smuggling of tree in hills of Uttar Pradesh is being done with the help of Forest Department;

(c) if so, the details in this regard,

(d) whether the Government initiated a Central level inquiry in the matter of destruction of forest in U.P. Himalayas;

(e) if so, when, and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) No, Sir However, an enquiry has been ordered by the State Government into the alleged irregularities in the lots of the Forest Corporation referred to in the news item appearing in the *Navbharat Times* dated June 22, 1996

(d) No, Sir

(e) Does not arise

(f) Since the matter is being enquired into by the State Government.

Stoppage at new Bongaigaon

708. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is not a single stoppage of the Rajdhani Express in the seven North-Eastern States except the one at Guwahati, where the train terminates.

(b) if so whether the Government propose to provide at least one stoppage at New Bongaigaon for the benefit of the large number of passengers of the North-Eastern states, and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) and (b) It already stops at New Bongaigaon

(c) Does not arise

Railway Project in West Bengal

709 SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA . Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the progress of the Railway Projects from Bargachis to Amta and Bargachia to Champadanga via Jangipara (West Bengal) initiated by the Railway Ministry in 1984; and